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Mr. David Roskies 10 Nashua Street Somerville, Mass. 02145

Dear David:

Our mutual kvitlach are multiplying. Thanks for your letter of January 4 which must have crossed with my letter to you. I have some additional partly good, partly negative information.

(1) I called Georges Borchardt in New York, the literary agent for Steiner and Schwarz-Bart. The Steiner quotes are OK and will receive written authorization tomorrow. The Schwarz-Bart quote, however, is absolutely verboten. There seem to be complicated legal reasons, all related to the fact that motion picture rights to the text have already been granted, which rules out any use for other dramatic purposes at this moment.

Hence this particular material will have to be reworked completely in order to avoid any semblance to the Schwarz-Bart text.

(2) I am going to write to New Directions with regard to Eluard. This will probably cost money. New Directions (which also handles Dutton and Lippincott) insists on royalties. Nevertheless I hope this will not be another difficulty. Thank heavens, I have the feeling we are nearing the end of our labors. Let me repeat my suggestion that we plan to get together after my return from a series of trips at the end of January. Let me have some dates during the first half of February as soon as you have information about your schedule.

Cordially,

Alfred Jospe

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